

Personal News and Gossip of the Government Departments

Govt. Printing Office

PRINTING OFFICE RESUMES ROUTINE

Adjournment of Congress Gives Relief
From Sunday Work.

The adjournment of Congress permits the Government Printing Office to return to the every-day routine and brings with it the relaxation from the strain under which all must labor during a Congressional session. The boys in the office take a delight in promptly meeting every demand on the office in the way of Congressional printing, much of which must be done at lightning-like speed, but it is with equal pleasure that the session's end is welcomed, which brings with it a degree of relief in the way of respite from the hard pace that has been maintained.

The past session of Congress made an unusually heavy demand for printing, which served to keep the regular and temporary force of compositors and others extremely busy, necessitating, as it did, the employment of much of the force on Sundays during the session.

COMPOSITORS TRANSFERRED FROM FIRST DIVISION

The following compositors have been transferred from the first division to the Treasury division: Daniel L. Sansom, John H. Butler, E. B. Conley, DeWitt C. Corliss. From the same division the following were transferred to the job division: Samuel Morris, I. D. Williams, Thomas A. Rhodes, O. A. Callins, S. E. Gillespie, and E. D. Smoot.

NIGHT BILL FORCE RETURNS TO DAY SIDE

The night bill force of the folding room has been returned to the day side. Bill sections nine and ten of the folding room, Adam Brandt, formerly being moved to the south wing of the third floor in order to make room for the office force at present located on the second floor, the intention being to bring together on the third floor all the clerical divisions possible.

FOREMAN BOWEN THANKS EMERGENCY WORKERS

Foreman Bowen, of the first division, in notifying the temporary compositors in his division of the expiration of the emergency work on Wednesday evening, took occasion to call them to his desk and then made a short talk in which he expressed his thanks for the faithful manner in which the work had been done during the past session of Congress. The temporary compositors showed their appreciation of the kind words of the foreman by giving him a rousing cheer.

W. M. SIPHER'S SON MARRIES MISS PRESTON

Kirk C. Sipher, second son of William M. Sipher, one of the veteran compositors in Foreman Cottle's division, who came to Washington with his parents from Iowa ten years ago, has become one of the many who have fallen because of the charms of Washington girls and joined the ranks of the benighted. The young woman who became Mrs. Sipher was formerly Miss Mary E. Preston, and the Rev. C. C. Morhart officiated at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Sipher have taken apartments near Lincoln avenue and North Capitol street.

ELLIOTT BROWN'S FATHER DIES IN ALBANY, N. Y.

Perry Brown, father of Elliott Brown, electrotypist, employed recently on the night force of the office, died last week at Albany, N. Y. The remains were brought to Washington for burial, the Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union taking charge of the funeral. The son, Elliott, is one of the crack ball players on the Government Printing Office team. The father, Perry Brown, was at one time employed in the office, and was the son of Commodore Perry Brown, who lost his life in the Terra Cotta railroad wreck a few months ago.

WILL PRINT 200,000 COPIES OF HORSE BOOK

An extra edition of 200,000 copies of the Horse Book, for the Agricultural Department, will furnish work for a large number of pressmen and bookbinders during the dull summer months. The emergency force got their envelopes last Saturday, and the temporaries were let out on Wednesday evening.

PRINTING OFFICE WILL CURTAIL CARRIAGE USE

The printing office has taken advance ground for the reform or curtailment of the use of Government carriages. A system calculated to restrict the use of carriages to official business exclusively has recently been adopted.

A blank form is provided, on which an entry must be made after each trip, stating its character and length. These slips are taken in charge by the carriage driver and later become a part of the records of the office, which enables the Public Printer to take readily if carriages are being misused.

MRS. R. F. HANN GOES TO WASHINGTON GROVE

Mrs. R. F. Hann, wife of Robert F. Hann, job division imposer, whose falling health has caused her husband much concern, has removed to Washington Grove for the purpose of taking the open-air treatment. Mr. Hann, who is in charge of the make-up of the time slips from the different divisions of the office, is staying with friends for the present on Quincy place northwest. Mrs. Hann's nearest neighbor at the Grove is Mrs. Robert A. Martin, wife of the foreman of the night job force, who has been recuperating at the Grove

Post Office

ALEXANDER GRANT BEGINS NEW DUTY

Succeeds J. E. White as Head of Railway Mail Service.

Alexander Grant, who was recently named by Postmaster General Cortelyou for the position of General Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, to succeed James E. White, resigned, entered upon his new duties the first part of last week.

Strong mentally and physically, and personally popular, the appointment of Mr. Grant to this responsible position is a source of much satisfaction to the employees of the Department.

Mr. Grant has been in the railway mail service all his life. He has been assistant general superintendent since 1897, and has acted as general superintendent at intervals, whenever Mr. White was out of town or ill, ever since 1895.

Mr. Grant was born in Monroe, Mich., and served two years in the postoffice of that place before entering the railway mail service in 1872. In 1889 he was made examiner of the ninth division at Cleveland, but in three years was transferred to the office of the General Superintendent in Washington. He became chief clerk of that office in 1895, and two years later Assistant General Superintendent. The promotion carries an increase in salary of \$500, the new position paying \$1,000 a year.

Mr. Grant graduated in law from the Columbian University of this city. He has also taken great interest in athletics. He has always been active in Masonry, and is an officer in Almas Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and an officer in both the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., and Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the District of Columbia.

CHANGES RECENTLY MADE IN POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

With a new head to the department and changes in the personnel, it was made soon in the several divisions. April 1 in the bureau of the fourth assistant, where Mr. De Graw, who is a comparatively recent acquisition to the department, holds forth, the past week has been one of bustle and activity throughout the building.

W. S. Shallenberger, who has been succeeded as Second Assistant Postmaster General by former Representative McCreary, will leave the city tomorrow for Ottawa, Canada, in company with H. M. Bacon, of the office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, where a conference will be held looking to the adjustment of certain questions that have arisen relating to postal matters covered by treaty, with a view to adjusting the same.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, after a useful service of several years, will retire on April 1 and be succeeded by A. L. Lawshe. Mr. Lawshe is well known in the department, having served as auditor for the department under President McKinley. For several years he has been auditor for the Philippines. He is a native of Indiana.

The promotion of Alexander Grant to be general superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, left a vacancy in the position of Assistant General Superintendent, which has been filled by the promotion of George F. Stone, who has been chief clerk in the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

John W. Holliday, who has made a record for efficiency as chief clerk in the division of Railway Mail Service, is advanced to the position of chief clerk, office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

The announcement that Dr. John A. Holmes, Assistant Superintendent of the office of dentistry, Dr. Rowell was popular in the office and his many friends with him well in his business career.

Thomas Hendren, of the Superintendent of Documents division returned Thursday after spending a pleasant week visiting in Norfolk.

Ferdinand Hofmann, of the stamping division of the bindery, is taking ten days' leave.

Mrs. Amanda Brock, of the gold room, bindery, was away from the office the past week on account of illness.

William H. Corbin, of the bindery, is taking a vacation, which will be spent at points in Virginia.

Joseph P. Day, of the bindery, is making a fifteen-days' trip to New York.

Joseph V. Gonzales, of the bindery, has returned after a pleasant vacation of about three weeks.

George Lowe, of the bindery, is on leave for fifteen days.

Mrs. Jane Minor, forelady, who recently returned from an illness, was again compelled to go home on Monday and has since been ill.

William Adams, of the ruling room, bindery, has returned to work after an illness of two weeks.

Thomas Flint, of the bindery, has been detained at home for several days on account of the illness of his wife.

Mrs. Annie J. Holdridge, of the bindery, has returned to the office after a thirty-day vacation.

Theophilus McClure, copyholder in the fifth division, has resumed his duties after being confined to his home for two weeks with the grip.

George Smith, of the document division, was away from several days with the grip, has returned to work.

Friends in the office have received word from Panama to the effect that George W. Nichols, who was until recently employed in the bill section of the folding room, has a good position and is doing well.

J. K. Bethea, until recently employed in the counting division, is reported to be in a New York hospital.

District Building

TO BUILD TWO NEW PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The District of Columbia is constructing a public convenience station at Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue and another at Thirteenth-and-a-half street and the Avenue. When these are completed a matron and a janitor will be required for each. It is a dull day at the District building, when three or four applications for these places are not filed.

The number of applications amounts now to somewhere near a hundred, and the applicants are white and black, and the different shades in between the two. All of them assure the Commissioners that they and they only are fitted to hold down the job.

COMMISSIONER WEST'S SECRETARY TELLS STORY

Mr. Pratt, private secretary to Commissioner West, is responsible for this story: An example of the difficulty in selecting a title for some pictures was brought to light one day last week, when a party of school girls headed by a teacher engaged in offering criticisms for the benefit of her fellow pupils, paused in front of a large painting representing Life and Death. One of the young girls in the party, a particularly pretty and bright looking young lady, asked the teacher the name of the picture as she was too far away to see it. A tall young lady kindly turned to her before the teacher could answer and said, "Why, can't you see? The title is right there on the side. It is 'Too late for competition.'" Had the artist been there he would have considered his painting a prize winner.

MR. GARGES' LITTLE BOY TOO OLD FOR HIGH CHAIR

Daniel E. Garges, secretary to Commissioner Biddle, has a son who a day or two ago reached the age of five years. He has been accustomed to sitting at the table in a high chair. On the morning of his birthday the chair occupied its usual place at the table. When he came down to breakfast he pulled the high chair away and put a dining room chair in its place upon which he climbed, his chin about reaching the table. "What did you do that for?" inquired his mother. "I'm five years old," he replied in dignified tones, "and I'm not going to sit in a high chair any more."

COMMISSIONER MACFARLAND'S SECRETARY ON SICK LIST

Waldo C. Hibbs, private secretary to Commissioner MacFarland, was on the sick list the past week negotiating his being absent from his office for several days.

ALEXANDER WEIR'S SON DIES, AGED TWENTY-THREE

Alexander Weir, inspector of street cleaning, was absent from his duties several days of the past week by reason of the death of his son, William Weir, aged twenty-three years, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. The deceased was unmarried and a student.

AUDITOR GARRISON RECOVERS FROM ATTACK OF THE GRIP

Auditor John R. Garrison after an illness of ten days with the grip returned to his office the latter part of the week. During his illness it was feared that his condition would develop into pneumonia and his family and friends were alarmed. The best medical attention and nursing prevented the grip from turning into pneumonia.

CROSS-EYED MEN HAVE TROUBLE IN PASSING

Private Short, in charge of the first floor of the building, is telling a good story on two cross-eyed men who met in the lower hall last week. They were going in opposite directions at a good gait, one coming in and the other going out of the building when they came in collision. After the shock the man coming in indignantly demanded "Why don't you look where you are walking," to which the other fellow, equally angry, cried out in a loud tone "Why in the—don't you walk where you are looking?" The incident caused considerable merriment at the expense of the pair of unfortunate.

Notes and Personals.

George M. Rommel animal husbandman of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and Dr. E. F. Phillips, expert in agriculture, Bureau of Entomology, attended the smoker of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, at the University Club last week.

John Roberts, of the editorial office of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and H. J. Daly, of the secretary's office, participated in the concert given by the Washington Choral Society at the Columbia Theater last Tuesday afternoon. This society has quite a representative membership among the employees of the department, and it is understood that plans are being perfected for a trip to the Jamestown Exposition this summer, where several concerts will be given.

Miss Caroline P. Sherman, of the department library, has been transferred to the dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, was among the chess experts who participated in the simultaneous exhibition by the champion of the world, Dr. Emanuel Lasker, at the Washington Chess Club last Wednesday evening.

A. M. Jackson, of the Bureau of Soils, who has been absent on a few days' annual leave, is expected to return in a few days.

G. Arthur Bell, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, returned the past week from a Western trip.

Miss May E. Bell, of the dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was absent a few days the past week on annual leave.

George R. Sumner, of the animal husbandry office, was master of ceremonies at an entertainment entitled "Striking Oil," given by the Young People's Union of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, Twentieth street, Friday evening.

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Marine Hospital Service

List of changes of station and duties of commissioned and noncommissioned officers of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, for the seven days ended March 9.

G. W. Stoner, surgeon, granted leave of absence for two days in February, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 19 of the regulations.

M. J. Rosenau, passed assistant surgeon, directed to proceed to Harrisburg, Pa., for special temporary duty, upon completion of which rejoin his station in Washington.

T. Bunkhalter, passed assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for two days in February, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 19 of the regulations.

T. W. Salmon, assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one day in February, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 19 of the regulations.

W. K. Frost, assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one day, February 24, 1907.

Hugh de Vallin, assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for one day in February, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 219 of the regulations.

A. A. McLarty, acting assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for thirty days, from February 26, 1907.

H. H. Stearns, acting assistant surgeon, granted leave of absence for three days in February, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 219 of the regulations.

R. Wilson, acting assistant surgeon, excused from duty for a period of fifteen days, without pay, from March 16.

J. P. Hall, pharmacist, granted leave of absence for seven days, from March 2, 1907, under the provisions of paragraph 219 of the regulations.

G. C. Allen, pharmacist, promoted to pharmacist of first class.

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The following temporary promotions were also ordered:

Vernor W. Campbell, secretary eleventh civil service district, Denver, Col., from clerk, \$1,500, to clerk, \$1,200, effective February 16, 1907, vice Wallace J. Young, resigned, and Cheesman, promoted permanently.

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PLANNING GRAIN EXHIBIT FOR JAMESTOWN FAIR

The Bureau of Plant Industry is engaged in preparing several interesting exhibitions of grain, etc., for the Jamestown Exposition. Special orders have also been issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry governing the importation of horses and cattle intended for exhibition at the exposition. It is expected that the department's various exhibits at Jamestown will be of a very interesting character and will be particularly attractive to the large number of visitors who are expected to attend his exposition, especially those interested in the agricultural pursuits.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEET OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Washington Alumni Association of the Michigan Agricultural College held its sixteenth annual meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening. Dr. H. W. Lawson, of the office of the association, is secretary of the association, and the graduates of this institution are well represented in the department.

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Agriculture

Civil Service Comm.

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Dr. T. P. Chapman, of the division of appointments, who left Washington on February 24, for the home of his father in Farmersville, Tex., is expected to return to the commission not later than March 15. Word has been received from Dr. Chapman that the illness of his father, which was the cause of the doctor's sudden summons from Washington, resulted in death before the latter reached Texas. The doctor's many friends in the commission sympathize with him in his sad bereavement.

William J. Quinn, of division of appointments, was absent from his division several days last week, because of illness.

Albert C. Hindman, of the division of appointments, made a flying visit to Pittsburgh, the first of the week. He returned to his desk on Tuesday morning.

Earl R. Field, of the stenographers' room of the division of appointments, was away from the commission on Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cheesman, the former a member of the division of appointments, entertained the Rev. James Hugh Keely, of Franklin, Pa., and his son, Edmund B. Keely, of Powhatan, Va., on Saturday, March 1, at their home, 653 G street northwest. Messrs. Cheesman and Keely, Jr., were friends, while attending Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pa., and renewed the pleasant acquaintance existing at that time.

The temporary appointment of Miss Hattie B. McFarland, dating from February 16, 1907, has been changed to \$80 per annum, instead of \$70. Miss McFarland is a stenographer in the division of appointments.

Mrs. Marie G. Bonham, of Georgia, who attained an average of 92.75 in the clerk examination, and whose name stood at the head of the register for temporary appointment, has been tendered temporary appointment on the rolls of the commission at \$80 per annum. Mrs. Bonham has been assigned to duty in the examining division.

Matthew F. Halloran, of the division of appointments, was absent from his division on Thursday of the past week.

The application division is very busy just now, the principal cause of the additional work being correspondence relating to the pure food and drug inspection examination held in various parts of the country on February 5. The division expects to have its work well under way, however, before the spring schedule of examinations are held, when a great deal of additional work will ensue.

Dr. J. L. Long, of the division of appointments will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening today of the Baptist Church in Brookland, D. C. Dr. Long is the regular organist of that church, and also a member of the choir committee. The committee has called as regular pastor of the church, the Rev. H. W. O. Millington, of Leicester, N. Y.

The stork, evidently observing the nice notice given him in this column last week, when it was said that he was wise and discriminating in leaving at the home of one employee of the bureau a girl, and at another a boy, has overdone himself during the past week by leaving two boys at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kleenbrink.

Miss Mollie Rogers, daughter of R. W. Rogers, of section 1, will leave this morning for an extended visit to New York and Connecticut, with her sister, Mrs. Augustus Kleinke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Finley are the proud parents of a bouncing boy, born a few days since.

Ernest Huyett, of the printing division, has returned to work after an illness of two weeks caused by the grip.

William Lampton, of the printing division, is again at work, after a week's leave of absence.

Frank Schelp, plate printer, recently resigned his position in the bureau. He will go into business at Pasadena, N. J.

George Snyder, plate printer, has tendered his resignation.

Charles Cross, messenger in section 2, is enjoying a short vacation.

George Burke, of the printing division, is spending a week's leave at his pleasant country home at Chevy Chase.

The following plate printers are on leave for one week: Ed. Cunningham, F. Haldeman, John F. Kelly, I. Nehrlass, C. J. Ross, John McMahon, and Chris. J. McCarthy.